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Scientific community may get chance to study Shuttle debris

ASA's Kennedy Space Center has issued a Request for Information seeking organizations interested in using debris from the orbiter Columbia to research the effects of reentry. "This is a general request to organizations outside the NASA family," said Mike Leinbach, Columbia reconstruction chairman and Shuttle launch director. "Through the efforts of outside researchers, we stand to learn a great deal regarding hypersonic and thermodynamic properties and their affects on spacecraft parts." NASA has also requested input on how to best preserve and manage the Columbia debris.

IT security conference 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Tuesday-Wednesday, Sparkman Complex, Bldg. 5304. For details, see 'Inside Marshall'

Mulching operations Tuesday. For details, call 544-4750 or 544-4763

Purchasing open house extended through May 30

The Purchasing open house has been extended through May 30 from 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in Bldg. 4200, Room 600. The open house gives Core Financial users the opportunity to work through new or existing purchasing documents with on-site support. Participants may come and go during the event and stay as long as needed to receive help. Participants should bring their SAP ID, password and relevant purchasing documentation. For more information, call Lee Harp at 544-7271.

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